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The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor of Virginia  
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The Honorable Lisa Jackson  
Administrator  
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Dear Governor McDonnell and Administrator Jackson,

Healthy and safe waters improve economic opportunities for all Virginians, through increased benefits to vital sectors of our economy that rely on our waterways and decreased burdens on businesses and citizens impacted by water pollution. Dirty waters kill fish, crabs, and jobs.

Governor McDonnell, I expect you to uphold your solemn duty under Article 11 of the Constitution of Virginia and your repeated promises to protect our water resources. I expect Virginia's clean-up plan to assure success, through issuance of a step-by-step plan that prescribes mandates, funding, and deadlines. The draft clean-up plan fails to provide these assurances. In particular, the plan must:

- a) Call for additional pollution reductions from sewage treatment plants on the lower James River basin;
- b) Commit to real mandates and incentives to reduce polluted runoff from farms and cities; and
- c) Define specific two-year actions to achieve actual pollution reductions over the next 15 years to finally heal our rivers and the Bay.

Administrator Jackson, if Governor McDonnell does not fulfill his obligation to protect our drinking water, jobs on the water, and public health, I demand that EPA does its job under the Clean Water Act by taking the following actions:

- a) Rewrite the TMDL to maximize reductions from point sources;
- b) Rewrite or deny pollution discharge permits; and/or
- c) Assume responsibility for Virginia's waters.

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Respectfully,

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